

Biden-Harris Administration Approves Indiana’s “Internet for All” Initial Proposal

Indiana Requested Access to BEAD Funds Totaling Over \$868 Million

WASHINGTON – The Department of Commerce’s National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has approved Indiana’s Initial Proposals for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program, a cornerstone of the Biden-Harris Administration’s “Internet for All” initiative.

This approval enables Indiana to request access to funding and begin implementation of the BEAD program—a major step towards closing the digital divide and meeting the President’s goal of connecting everyone in America with affordable, reliable, high-speed Internet service.

“Thanks to President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Department of Commerce is ensuring everyone in Indiana, and all across America, has access to affordable, reliable high-speed Internet,” **said U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo**. “Congratulations to the team in Indiana. We look forward to working with you to ensure everyone in the state is connected.”

The BEAD program is a \$42.45 billion state grant program authorized by President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Indiana was allocated over \$868 million to deploy or upgrade high-speed Internet networks to ensure that everyone has access to reliable, affordable, high-speed Internet service.

Once deployment goals are met, any remaining funding can be used on high-speed Internet adoption, training, and workforce development efforts, among other eligible uses.

“Today, Indiana can move their Internet for All efforts from planning to action,” **said Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information and NTIA Administrator Alan Davidson**. “I congratulate the Indiana Broadband office for developing a strong proposal for how they will connect all of their residents to high-speed Internet service.”

“Since day one, our goal has always been to provide all Hoosiers with reliable and affordable broadband coverage,” **said Governor Eric J. Holcomb**. “In today’s digitally dependent world, broadband connectivity can be a lifeline for residents and better connect communities to the wider world of commerce and communication. The BEAD, in conjunction with our state and local programming, will continue provide those needed connections to our still underserved areas.”

BEAD-eligible entities—the 56 states, territories, and the District of Columbia—are required to submit for NTIA’s approval an Initial Proposal detailing how they plan to spend their BEAD allocation to deliver high-speed Internet access to all unserved and underserved locations within their borders. All states submitted their Initial Proposals by December 27, 2023.

NTIA provides updates on the status of all 56 states and territories’ [Initial Proposal](#).

NTIA will continue to announce approval of Initial Proposals on a rolling basis.

One year from Initial Proposal approval, states must submit a Final Proposal that details, among other things, the outcome of the subgrantee selection process and how the state will ensure universal coverage.

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Internet for All

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes a historic \$65 billion investment to expand affordable and reliable high-speed Internet access in communities across the U.S. NTIA recently launched a series of new high-speed Internet grant programs funded by the law that will build high-speed Internet infrastructure across the country, create more low-cost high-speed Internet service options, and address the digital equity and inclusion needs in our communities.

For more information on the Biden-Harris Administration's high-speed Internet service programs, please visit [InternetforAll.gov](https://www.internetforall.gov).

About the National Telecommunications and Information Administration

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), part of the U.S. Department of Commerce, is the Executive Branch agency that advises the President on telecommunications and information policy issues. NTIA's programs and policymaking focus largely on expanding broadband Internet access and adoption in America, expanding the use of spectrum by all users, advancing public safety communications, and ensuring that the Internet remains an engine for innovation and economic growth.